

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 350 - SB 1258

March 9, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Includes an “indication of untrustworthiness” as a municipal or county finding that requires the disclosure of a police officer’s behavior to defense counsel in a criminal proceeding for which the officer’s testimony is required. Includes an indication of untrustworthiness as a finding that may require a police officer’s dismissal, demotion, suspension, or transfer.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Requiring a municipality, county, police department, or sheriff’s office to disclose to a defense counsel that a police officer whose testimony is required in a criminal proceeding has been the subject of a finding of an indication of untrustworthiness will not significantly alter the operations of any such entity; therefore, any local fiscal impact related to this provision is estimated to be not significant.
- Including an indication of untrustworthiness as a finding that may require a police officer’s dismissal, demotion, suspension, or transfer may impact local police departments’ and sheriffs’ policies and operations in that it may result in additional police officers receiving such disciplinary actions. However, such actions and their resulting fiscal impacts are assumed to occur in the normal course of business, and are thus absorbable within existing resources.
- Any fiscal impact to local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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